

General Provisions

Hunting regulations are designed to protect wildlife populations and ensure the continuation of sport hunting. The following general regulations apply to Yazoo NWR and supplement regulations governing hunting on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations and applicable state regulations.

General Hunting Regulations

Public hunting is permitted on Yazoo NWR subject to provisions in this brochure.

By state law non-residents may not take antlerless deer.

Hunting or entry permitted only in designated areas.

All participants must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of unbroken fluorescent orange visible above the waistline while hunting and while enroute to and from hunting areas during refuge firearm deer seasons.

Use or possession of any drug or device for employing such drug for hunting is prohibited.

It is unlawful to drive or screw a metal object into a tree or to hunt from a tree in which metal objects are placed.

Dogs are permitted for the January raccoon/opossum and February rabbit and squirrel seasons only.

Camping is prohibited.

Parked vehicles must not obstruct any portion of a road, gate, turnrow or field access ramp and must not obstruct the flow of traffic, including farm equipment.

Vehicle use is restricted to paved or improved roads as shown on brochure map.

The use of horses is prohibited.

ATVs are allowed by special use permit only.

Permanent blinds or stands are prohibited. During gun deer hunts, hunting from tripods and other free-standing platforms is prohibited in fields and tree plantations.

Stands adjacent to fields or tree plantations must be a minimum of 10 feet above ground.

Firearms prohibited except during authorized gun hunts. Firearms transported on roads within the refuge boundaries must be unloaded and cased.

Loaded firearms in or on vehicles, ATVs or boats under power are prohibited. Loaded is defined as shells in the gun or percussion caps on muzzleloaders.

Report all game taken on a pink User Information Card at a Hunter Information Station before leaving the refuge. All deer must be checked in at Refuge Headquarters. Deer must be field dressed.

No shooting allowed within 200 yards of buildings.

No man-drives for deer. Hunting from or shooting across open fields from ground level prohibited during gun deer hunts. Firearms must be unloaded while standing beside, in, or walking across any portion of a field or tree plantation.

Motorized boats not allowed except in Silver Lake Bayou during refuge deer hunts.

Stands in the January/February closed area must be removed by the day after the last gun hunt. All other stands must be removed by January 22, 2001.

Plastic flagging tape is prohibited.

Littering in any form is prohibited.

All other public use prohibited during any limited permit hunt.

Farmers Home Administration lands administered by Yazoo NWR Complex are closed to all public use except as authorized by Refuge Manager.

Crossbows are prohibited.

Possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited on refuge.

General Hunting Requirements

In addition to a State hunting license, each hunter 16 years of age or older must carry a refuge permit on their person. Brochures may be obtained at Refuge Headquarters (see map). Hunters under 16 years of age must carry a Hunter Safety Course Card or Certificate and be accompanied by an adult 21 years old or older. An adult may supervise only one youth.

Each hunter must obtain and fill out a pink User Information Card before hunting and display it on the vehicle dash so that the name and address are visible from the outside. Before leaving the refuge, users must complete the reverse side of the card and deposit it in a drop box at one of the Hunter Information Stations. Include all game harvested on card. If no game is harvested, report "0".

Payment for Limited Draw Permits and the Public Use Permit must be separate.

In addition to state restrictions, legally harvestable antlered deer must have antlers with at least: a 12-inch inside spread or a 15-inch beam length, or a 3.5 inch base circumference above the bur.

Refuge antler restrictions do not apply to the youth gun hunt. All hunts are either sex.

Specific Hunt Regulations

See brochure map for areas closed to hunting. State bag limits and firearms restrictions apply unless listed otherwise.

Limited Permit Deer Hunts

Limited Permit deer hunts require a permit which is assigned by random computer drawing. If drawn, there is a \$12.50 fee for each permit. Permits are non-transferable and non-refundable. Applications for limited deer hunts will only be accepted from August 15-September 15, 2000.

To apply, mail complete name, address, and date of birth for each applicant. All applications must be signed by at least one applicant. No more than five people may apply on an application. If selected, you will be notified of procedures to submit the \$12.50 fee for your permit. You may apply on a plain sheet of paper. The application must designate refuge, type and date of hunt (example: Yazoo NWR, Muzzleloader Hunt, Dec. 1-2). You may apply for only one of the two day muzzleloader hunts. If an applicant is under 16, the name of an adult sponsor (over 21) must be included on the application. Duplicate applications will be rejected. Only successful applicants will be notified.

Youth Gun Hunt

Youth age 11-15 may apply for only one day of the Yazoo NWR Youth Hunt. Only one youth per application. Each application must include the name and signature of an adult 21 years or older who will accompany the youth on the hunt. Only the youth may handle or discharge firearms. Each adult may supervise only one youth. The adult sponsor must possess a refuge brochure and is responsible for any

violations by the youth under his/her supervision. Youth and adult must wear hunter orange at all times.

Deer

November 24 or 25, 2000. Check in and out required. Bag Limit-one deer per youth, either sex. Rifles, buckshot and slugs permitted.

Deer

Nov. 28-29; Dec. 1-2; Dec. 5-6; Dec. 8-9, 2000. Check in and out not required. Hunters must fill out pink User Information Cards each day and place on dash of vehicle and leave in box at one of the Hunter Information Stations. Bag limit-one buck and one doe. All deer harvested during the Muzzleloader hunt must be checked at the refuge headquarters check station. The check station will be open from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm.

Small Game & Archery Deer Hunts

Each small game or archery deer hunter age 16 or older must have on his person a valid State hunting license and a Refuge Public Use Permit. The Public Use Permit is valid for all unlimited deer and small game hunts on Yazoo, Panther Swamp, Hillside, Morgan Brake and Mathews Brake NWRs. Permit expires June 30, 2001. There is a \$12 fee for each permit issued. To obtain a Refuge Public Use Permit, mail your complete name, address, and date of birth on a plain sheet of paper and specify "Unlimited Hunts". Enclose a money order or cashier's check which includes \$12 for each permit requested.

Applications will be accepted by mail beginning August 1, 2000. There is no deadline for Public Use Permit applications. Applications will also be accepted over-the-counter during regular office hours, Monday through Friday at Yazoo NWR Headquarters (closed on federal holidays and weekends).

Public Use Permit \$12 Fee

Squirrel and Rabbit

Raccoon and Opossum

Rabbit with Dogs

Furbearers

Geese

Deer (Archery)

Small Game Hunts

Shotguns shooting approved non-toxic shot only. Possession of toxic shot, buckshot, and slugs is prohibited. Caliber .22 firearms permitted for the January 18-20, 2001, raccoon/opossum hunt, February 1-28 squirrel hunt (no .22 magnums or larger are allowed).

October 14 - November 17, 2000 and February 1- 28, 2001. Dogs allowed for squirrel hunting from February 1-28, 2001.

January 18-20, 2001, (Dogs required). Open from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am each night. Season opens at 6:00 pm on January 18 and closes at 6:00 am on January 20. Open refuge-wide except permanent closed area (see map).

February 12-28, 2001. Refer to brochure map for areas closed to this hunt. Dogs running deer will be removed from the refuge.

Valid permit holders may take furbearers in season incidental to other refuge hunts with weapons legal for that hunt. Only raccoon, opossum, fox, bobcat, coyote, beaver, nutria, mink, skunk, or muskrat may be taken. Night hunting is prohibited except during refuge raccoon and opossum hunt.

Yazoo will offer a special snow goose hunt during February and March. State bag. Contact the refuge for specifics.

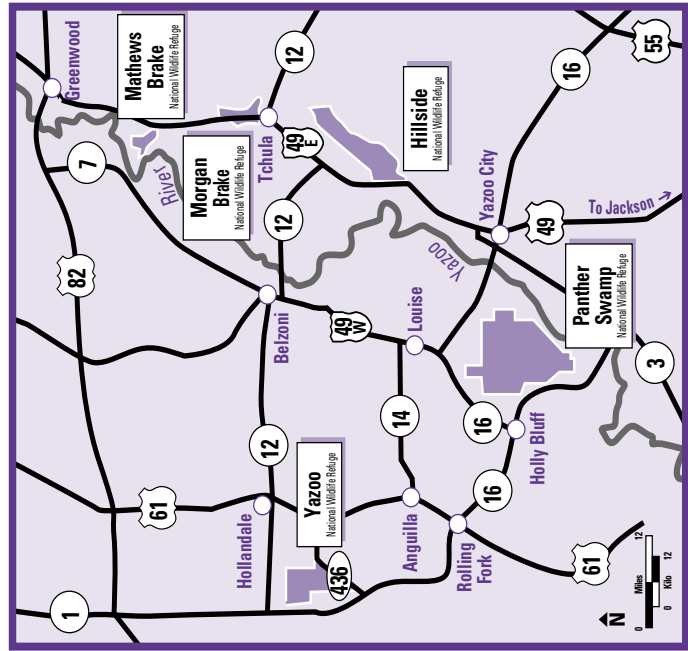
Big Game Hunts

September 30-November 17, 2000. Either sex. State bag.

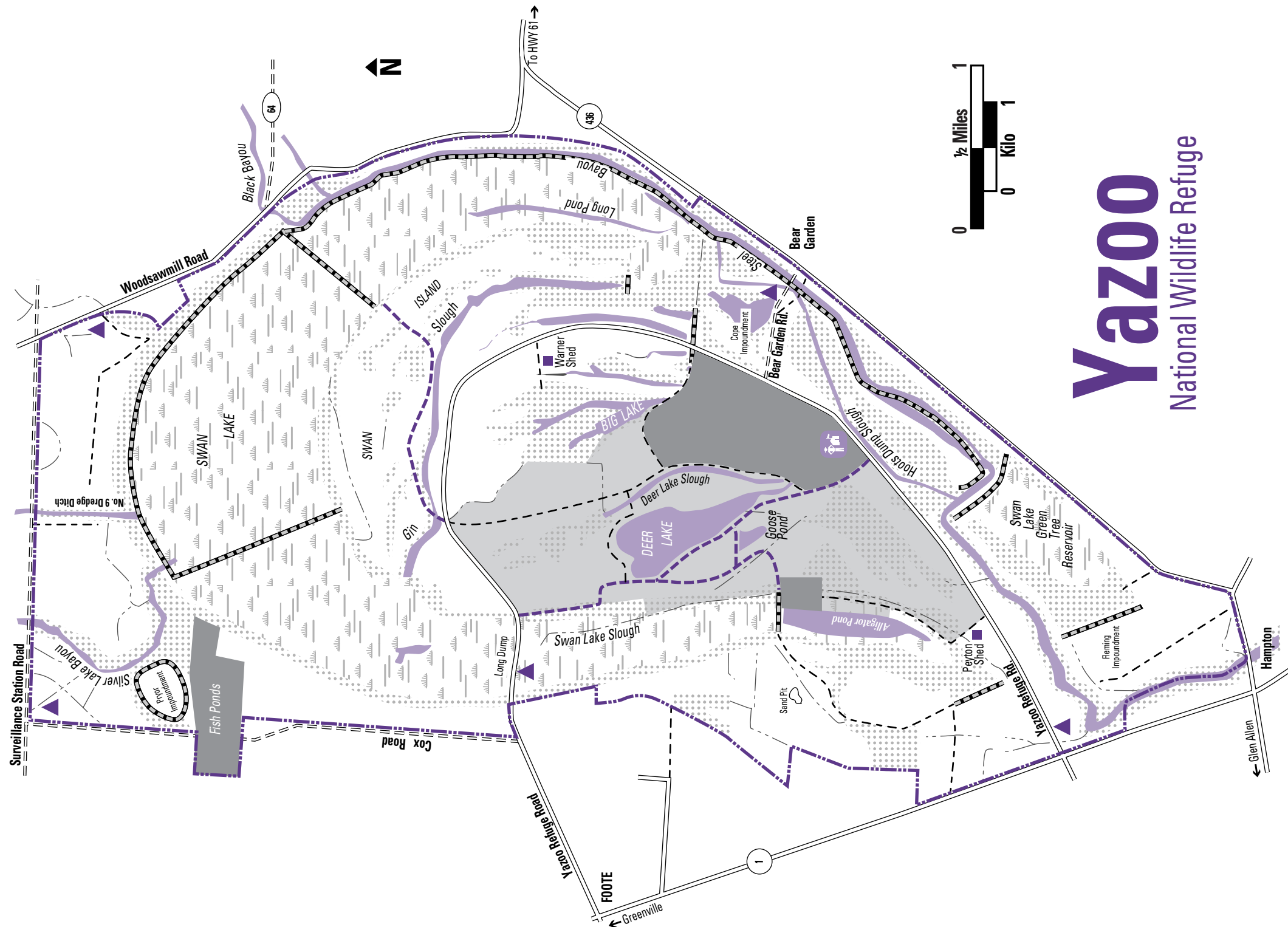
January 1-15, 2001. Either sex. State bag.

Turkey

There will be no turkey hunt on Yazoo Refuge in 2001.



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National Wildlife Refuge

Yazoo NWR Complex
728 Yazoo Refuge Road
Route 1, Box 286
Hollandale, MS 38748
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Yazoo, Panther Swamp, Hillside, Morgan Brake and Mathews Brake National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs) make up the Yazoo NWR Complex. Request maps, permits and additional information from: Yazoo NWR Complex, 728 Yazoo Refuge Road, Hollandale, MS 38748, 662/ 839 2638.

Notice:

All hunters must possess a refuge permit which certifies that they understand and will comply with the regulations contained in this brochure.

Violation of Refuge or State regulations may result in confiscation of Refuge Permits in addition to prosecution.